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1. REFTEL RECEIVED OCT 30, ONE DAY AFTER COMPLETION OF JOINT R&D SUBCOMMITTEE MTG. AND FINAL AGREED MINUTES WITH RECOMMENDATIONS TO JOINT WORKING GROUP (SIMON/RABINOWITCH) AND COMPLETION OF MEETING; RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARIZED BELOW:

A. DESIGNATION OF FOCAL POINTS IN USG AND GOI TO FACILITATE COOPERATIVE INDUSTRIAL R&D AND TO ENCOURAGE DIRECT CONTACT AND INTERACTION BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND PRIVATE SECTORS IN TWO COUNTRIES FOR MUTUAL BENEFIT. FOR U.S., DOC RECOMMENDED AS FOCAL POINT, FOR GOI, MIN OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

B. ESTABLISHMENT OF U.S./ISRAEL INDUSTRIAL R&D COUNCIL (PRIVATE CONFIDENTIAL

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SECTOR) TO PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL LINKS.

C. ESTABLISHMENT OF U.S./ISRAEL STEERING COMMITTEE FOR INDUSTRIAL R&D (GOVERNMENT SECTOR) TO OUTLINE POLICIES AND SET PRIORITIES, AND ENCOURAGE ACTIVITIES (THIS IS ESSENTIALLY A CONTINUATION OF R&D SUBCOMMITTEE).

D. ENHANCEMENT OF INFO DISSEMINATION ON R&D CAPACITY IN ISRAEL AS RELATED TO INDUSTRIAL NEEDS (IRI AND LICENSING EXECUTIVES ASSOCIATION IN U.S. HAVE AGREED TO HELP IN THIS).

E. ENCOURAGE EXISTING U.S./ISRAEL COOPERATIVE INSTITUTIONS TO DEVELOP MEANS FOR SUPPORT OF INDUSTRIAL R&D (REFERS PRIMARILY TO BNSF, WHICH IS BOTH FINANCIALLY AND PROCEDURALLY LIMITED IN THIS AREA).

F. ENCOURAGEMENT OF JOINT SUPPORT OF INDUSTRIAL R&D PROJECTS OF INTEREST TO BOTH COUNTRIES. THE U.S. WILL EVALUATE THE FEASIBILITY OF VARIOUS MECHANISMS FOR PROVIDING SUCH SUPPORT, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE VIEWS OF THE GOI, SUCH MECHANISMS ALSO INCLUDING SUPPORT FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THIS PROGRAM.

2. GOI PRESSED HARD FOR U.S. COMMITMENT TO ESTABLISH A FUNDING

SOURCE IN ISRAELI IBS. SPECIFICIALLY FOR INDUSTRIAL R&D AND NOT RELATED, AT LEAST IN MANAGEMENT AND PROCEDURES FOR ALLOCATIONS, TO BNSF. SIMPLY USING BNSF, AS IS, FOR THIS PURPOSE (EVEN WITH ADDITIONAL FUNDING) UNACCEPTABLE TO GOI BECAUSE:

A. BNSF "BIAS" TOWARDS BASIC RESEARCH IN ISRAELI VIEW MEANS INHERENT DISCRIMINATION AGAINST INDUSTRIAL R&D.

B. BNSF "PEER REVEIW" PROCESS OF EVALUATING COMPETETIVE GRANT APPLICATIONS TOO CUMBERSOME FOR USE IN INDUSTRIAL CONTEXT.

C. INTERNAL ISRAELI FRICTIONS BETWEEN UNIVERSITY AND INDUSTRY AND POSSIBLY BETWEEN GOI AGENCIES (PERHAPS NCRD AND MIN OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY) MAKE CONTROL OF ANY FUNDS A KEY QUESTION FOR GOI.

3. GOI OBVIOUSLY CONSIDERED FINANCIAL QUESTION KEY TO MEETING
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AND TOOK IT UP IN TWO PRIVATE MEETINGS PROFESSOR YAACOV, CHIEF SCIENTIST MIN OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND GOI MEETING CHAIRMAN, MR. AGMON, DIRGEN MIN OF FINANCE, DR. CHANGE, U.S. DELEGATION CHAIRMAN AND RICHMOND (OES/SCI).

4. AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH EMBASSY US DELS EXPLAINED LIMITATIONS ON US ABILITY TO RESPOND, IN THE VARIOUS POSSIBLE OPTIONS (E.G., FY-75 FOREIGN ASSISTANCE, SPECIAL LEGISLATION, ETC.) IT WAS POINTED

OUT THAT THERE WERE PROBLEMS IN ALL AREAS. IT WAS INDICATED THAT FOR ASSIST APPROACH SEEMED MORE PROMISING THAN SOME OTHERS. AGMON AND YAACOV ACCEPTED THE FACTS, HENCE THE RECOMMENDATION LIMITS ITSELF TO ENCOURAGING JOINT SUPPORT WITHOUT MENTIONING SOURCE OR MECHANISMS. AGMON STATED GOI INTENTION TO GENERATE RABINOWITCH LETTER SPECIFICALLY ASKING FOR INDUSTRIAL R&D JOINT FUNDING THROUGH PL-480 PREPAYMENTS (LIKE THEIR ORIGINAL BNSH INCREASE PROPOSAL).

5. (FYI). SUBCOMMITTEE WORKED IN PRIVATE AND MADE RECOMMENDATIONS TO SIMON, RABINOWITCH. THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC STATEMENT UNLESS DECIDED AT THAT MEETING. GOI UNDECIDED WHETHER OR NOT TO PRESS FOR FORMAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT IN R&D. SUBCOMMITTEE DID NOT RECOMMEND THIS, BUT TOOK NOTE OF GOI INTEREST IN THIS. PARSKY WAS BRIEFED ON ABOVE ON ARRIVAL.
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